

CORRECTION - June 2022 Newsletter

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Correction: The previous edition of the June 2022 GCO Newsletter had the incorrect days of the week listed to sign up for on-site registration. On-site registration beings on **Thursday, July 7.**

80th General Convention



Know Before You Go

All registered Bishops, Deputies, Alternates, staff, and volunteers will be receiving an email with further details and information about attending General Convention. Look for this in your inbox on Thursday, June 30.

On-site Registration & Deputy Certification Sign-ups

To help facilitate social distancing, minimize time spent gathered indoors, and expedite on-site registration and Deputy certification, all Bishops, Deputies, and Alternates are asked to **sign up for a time slot on Thursday, July 7 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** at the Baltimore Convention Center:

[Sign up for an on-site registration time.](#)

While on-site registration and Deputy certification will be available between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the first legislative day, the General Convention Office urges all deputations to do this process the day before on Thursday, July 7.

This needs to be done **individually** - each Bishop, Deputy, and Alternate will need to sign up themselves. If your deputation does registration and Deputy certification together, please coordinate when you plan to do this process to sign up for the same time slot.

When is on-site registration and Deputy certification?

To minimize crowding and lines, on-site registration and Deputy certification hours have been expanded. Please opt to do on-site registration on Thursday, if possible.

- **Thursday, July 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, July 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

Additional times for registration and Deputy certification can be found on the [draft schedule](#).

What if I need to change the time I signed up for?

Please [use this link](#) to change your time slot.

What if I can't make the time I signed-up for?

If possible, please change your sign-up time to another one that is available. If that is not possible (you are impacted by travel delays, etc.), you can still come to on-site registration and Deputy certification when you arrive.



Updated COVID-19 Safety Policies

All attendees at the 80th General Convention will be required to submit proof of vaccination and any required boosters to be vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 or to have submitted a medical exemption that was approved to be able to attend. You are considered fully vaccinated if you have completed your initial vaccine course; either two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or a single dose of Johnson & Johnson (or approved international equivalent) plus at least one booster if eligible. **All doses will need to have been received prior to June 23, 2022.**

In addition to the [existing vaccine requirement](#), attendees will be required to:

- Wear N95, KN95, KF94 or medical procedure masks at all times indoors, in the convention center, and common areas of hotels. Exceptions will be made for people speaking in legislative session at a microphone with appropriate social distance so that listeners with hearing impairments will be able to lip read. Masks will be made available to those who need them.
- Self-administer rapid tests for COVID-19 before leaving home to travel to Baltimore; upon checking in to hotel rooms at General Convention; and each morning of the four-day convention. General Convention attendees will be provided with five tests when they pick up their badges: one to use upon checking into their hotel rooms, and the others to use each morning.

COVID-19 Vaccination Verification

The deadline for submitting your COVID-19 vaccination information or to submit a request for a medical exemption is Friday, July 1.

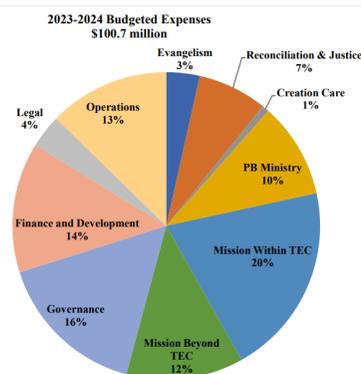
All attendees, staff, and volunteers for the 80th General Convention are required to complete this process prior to arrival in Baltimore.

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) has partnered with FERN HealthCheck powered by [ShareMy.Health](#), that safeguards privacy and follows the standards established by

the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Submissions of this required information in any other way will not be accepted. [Click here](#) for more details about verification process or how to submit a request for a medical exemption.

- For questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccination verification process, please contact: vaccine.questions@episcopalchurch.org.
- For assistance uploading a health record to ShareMy.Health, please contact: events@sharemy.health.

Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget & Finance Shares Narrative Budget



The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance (PB&F) has published [Narrative Budget 2023-2024](#) to help, "understand and process the proposed budget presented to [PB&F] by the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church." The [2023-24 Episcopal Church Budget from Executive Council](#) shows all lines of income and expenses referenced in the narrative budget.

PB&F will prepare a draft budget that will be presented during a Joint Session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies during the 80th General Convention. Details about this session will be announced when available.

What the Budget Covers

The Episcopal Church's budget is for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America (commonly referred to as the DFMS). This funding structure encompasses the Office of the Presiding Bishop and their staff, the President of the House of Deputies and their staff, and the Executive Office of the General Convention as well as the offices of the DFMS that are shared by all three. ([Canon I.1.8](#))

Budget Process

The process of creating The Episcopal Church budget begins with the Executive Council's Joint Standing Committee on Finance ([DFMS VIII.3.c](#) and [Canon I.4.6.a](#)), which conducts its own process of soliciting information and feedback to create a draft budget that is voted on by the Executive Council. This budget is then handed to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance that takes additional steps to solicit feedback and hold legislative hearings before it is officially presented as the proposed budget to the General Convention during a Joint Session and then voted on later in each house. ([JR II.10.d](#) and [Canon I.4.6.d](#))

PB&F Membership and Role

The Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consists of 27 members, all of whom are appointed. There are nine Bishops, one from each Province, who are appointed by the Presiding Bishop, and 18 Deputies, two from each Province who may be Lay or Clergy, who are appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. The Secretary of General Convention, Treasurer of General Convention, and Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council are ex officio members, without vote. The Committee may appoint advisors to assist in its work. ([JR II.10.a](#))

Among its duties and functions, the Committee is tasked with providing advice to the officers of the General Convention and Executive Council and to hold hearings on the budget. They may also adjust the budget prior to proposing it to General Convention, and can make adjustments to annual diocesan assessments, within the limit established by General Convention. ([JR II.10.c](#))

Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

Greetings Bishops and Deputies,

We are praying for as you gather to conduct the church's essential business during this historic General Convention. While we had hoped to be with you to begin listening to Episcopalians' hopes and dreams for our next presiding bishop, who will be elected in 2024, we know that your attention is rightly focused on this convention. We are charged with discerning nominees to stand for election as the 28th presiding bishop at the next meeting of General convention in the summer of 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky. Here is a general timeline for our work between now and then. We ask you to pray with us and for us that God will so guide the minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for God's people, equip us for our ministries, and speak God's word to us and to the world.

-- the members of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop



Discerning the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Spring 2023: Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (JNCEPB) issues profile and calls for applicants for Presiding Bishop.

Late Summer 2023: JNCEPB receive names.

In the months following: JNCEPB discerns which bishops to nominate. (Canon 2.1(f) requires a minimum of three nominees.)

Early April 2024: JNCEPB announces nominees.

For two weeks after the April announcement: Any bishop or deputy to the 81st General Convention in 2024 may petition to nominate other bishops from the floor at the Convention.

Early June 2024: JNCEPB announces any nominees to be made from the floor.

Early in General Convention: JNCEPB's nominees and any other nominees by petition are officially entered into nomination during a joint session of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies.

Day following that Joint Session: The House of Bishops elects one of the nominated bishops to be Presiding Bishop “by a vote of a majority of all bishops, excluding retired bishops not present, except that whenever two-thirds of the House of Bishops are present a majority vote shall suffice” (Constitution Article 1.3). A report of the election, including the number of votes cast for each nominee on each ballot, is made to the House of Deputies. The deputies vote to confirm or not to confirm the bishops’ choice of Presiding Bishop.

November 1, 2024: 28th Presiding Bishop begins a nine-year term.

JNCEPB Membership & Role

The [Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop](#) is made up of 20 members, of which 15 are elected and five are appointed ([Canon I.2.1.a](#)). Typically, the elections and appointments are conducted in-person during General Convention. However, due to the rescheduling of the 80th General Convention for July 2022 and the time needed for this committee's work, the election and appointment process occurred in 2021 and was done electronically. The House of Bishops elects five bishops and the House of Deputies elects five clergy, of which one must be a deacon, and five lay people. The other five members of the committee are appointed. Two people between the ages of 16-21 are appointed by the President of the House of Deputies. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies jointly appoint three members to ensure the cultural and geographic diversity of the Church and skill sets needed for effective service on the Nominating Committee. ([Canon I.2.1.c](#))

80th General Convention

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed and essential for a successful meeting of the 80th General Convention at the Baltimore Convention Center from the morning on Thursday, July 7 through the evening of Monday, July 11. There are a variety of roles, from staffing the registration tables to logistical support in the House of Bishops and House of Deputies. This is a great way to see the governance of The Episcopal Church in action and meet people from across the church. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can be there for all five days, we need you!

Please use the following link to view available times and to sign-up for a volunteer shift:

<https://80thgenconvepiscopalchurch2022volunteer.my-trs.com/>

Questions? Please contact the General Convention Office at gcoffice@episcopalchurch.org or 212-716-6200. Everyone has been working hard to ensure that this will be a safe and healthy meeting and we look forward to being together in Baltimore.



Sign-up for Maryland Night

[Maryland Night](#), hosted by the Diocese of Maryland, is scheduled for the evening of Monday, July 11, the final day of business, after the legislative sessions have adjourned.

The Diocese of Maryland has adjusted the events being offered for COVID-19 safety precautions while still being able to explore and enjoy all that Baltimore has to offer. All activities will take place outdoors or where there is abundant space for attendees to distance and have airflow from outside. Masks are encouraged except when eating.

The activities being offered are:

- American Visionary Art Museum
- Water taxi tour of Baltimore Harbor
- Tour on your own plus a gourmet bagged dinner

You must sign-up and purchase a ticket in advance to participate and space is limited. The deadline for signing up and purchasing tickets is Tuesday, July 5th at 12:00 PM, ET. [Click here to learn more and sign-up.](#)

GC80 Reminders

Deputy Changes

If a Deputy resigns and is being replaced by an alternate and/or an alternate Deputy is being appointed, you must certify this with the Secretary of the House of Deputies ([Canon I.1.1.a](#)) which is facilitated by the General Convention Office by using [this form](#) . In most cases, this process is done by the diocesan bishop or secretary of your diocesan convention, but please check your diocesan canons first as the rules vary across The Episcopal Church.



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House of Deputies Necrology

If a deputy from your diocese who served at a previous General Convention has died since 2018, or died earlier and was not been included in previous necrologies, please

send the following information to gcsecretary@episcopalchurch.org:

- Deputy's Name and Order of Ministry
- Date of death (if known)
- Diocese
- The General Convention(s) at which he/she served as deputy (an approximation is acceptable)

Names will continue to be accepted by e-mail before convention and can be submitted on site in Baltimore at the General Convention Secretariat.



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All currently filed [Resolutions](#) and [Memorials](#) are posted on the Virtual Binder. [Click here](#) for more information about General Convention Resolutions, Memorials, and how to search for either on the Virtual Binder.

If you do not see a resolution listed, it is likely that the resolution is still being processed. Submitting a resolution through the online form does not automatically make it appear on the Virtual Binder. It must be vetted first to ensure that it meets the standards outlined in the Canons, formatting by the standards outlined by the Secretary of the House of Deputies, and then referred to a Legislative Committee by the Presiding Officers of both Houses.



Legislative Research Reports

The Archives of The Episcopal Church has begun publishing reports on each resolution filed for the 80th General Convention. The page, [80th General Convention Legislative Research](#), shows a list of all currently available reports. If you don't see a resolution listed, please continue to check back as the Archives will begin research when a resolution is added to the Virtual Binder and publishes new reports as they become available. Each report contains information about previous legislation and documents relating to the resolution being considered.

For any questions about this resource, please [contact The Archives](#). For additional research on previous actions or topics considered by General Convention, please contact the Archives using the [Research Request Form](#). Legislative Committee members should note their role and committee number to receive a priority response. The Chair of any Legislative Committee may request the posting of supplementary documents provided they are related and historical in nature.

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